



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1731  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62474

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Appln. No.: 09/745,414

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 9890

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

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For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING  
FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET  
ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT  
INLET ARRANGEMENT

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ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

Claim 11. (Amended) An apparatus for drawing a fiber, comprising:

a preform body;

an inlet arrangement, comprising:

an inlet;

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